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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Secretary Brown, 28 April 1978

10. We talked about the charters and the meeting with the President. The Secretary feels we've got the initiative. We both talked about how we can minimize the number of issues that are going to have to go to the President.

I talked about my concept of looking at the "principles" and limited list of major issues to see if we couldn't narrow this down to 25 or 30 points. The Secretary generally agreed with that. He was alarmed at the thought of having to take 30 issues to the President. I told him I thought that there would be maybe 30 or so that we would have to discuss and that we would divide them into three categories: those which we agreed should be argued with the Congress but we didn't think we needed the President's direct support on; those for which we needed Presidential backing in order to argue with the Congress; and those which we could not resolve within the intelligence community and needed a Presidential decision.

Director

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